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### Third Annual Picnic.

The Ann Arbor railroad employees' third annual picnic will be held at McCurdy Park, Corunna, Saturday, June 3. It is an all day affair. Below is the program:

12:30 p. m.—Business meeting in the casino.  
1:30—Following program.  
Overture.....Band  
Monologue.....W. L. Adams  
Piano Solo.....Miss Maud Looker  
Vocal Solo.....H. McKerrin  
"Unknown".....Tawse and Adams  
Selection.....Quartette  
Song.....Band  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Allie Burns  
Double Jig.....J. A. Coleman  
2:30 p. m.—Mandolin and guitar club  
3:40—Balloons and parachute drop.  
4:40—Field sports and first and second prizes  
as follows: Standing broad jump, \$1.00, 50c;  
running broad jump, \$1.00, 50c; hammer throw,  
\$1.00, 50c; fifty yard dash, free for men and  
women, \$1.00, 50c; shot put, \$1.00, 50c; fifty yard  
dash, free for all boys and girls, 50c; three  
legged race, 50c, 25c; sack race (provide your  
own sacks), 50c, 25c.  
Dancing in casino from 8:30 until 9:30 p. m.

### Good For Owosso.

The Owosso Sugar company's force at Owosso probably has the banner for the season's work and will close their acreage books with over 11,000 acres to their credit. Should the season prove a good one for the crop the Owosso house will have a fine campaign. Fully fifty per cent of the seeding has been completed and with any favorable weather the entire acreage will be seeded before June 1.

Agriculturist Dolson and his force of solicitors are to be congratulated upon the fine showing. The Owosso company has established a reputation, however, that makes soliciting for it a pleasure.—Sugar Beet Culturist.

The Michigan Central will run an excursion to Lansing and Jackson on Sunday, June 4, leaving here at 8:53 a. m. Fare 50c and \$1.00 for round trip. One fare for round trip to other points.

### Common Council.

At a fully attended meeting of the council Monday evening the following budget for city expenses was unanimously adopted:

Fire fund.....	\$ 4,500
Highway fund.....	4,000
Water fund.....	3,000
Police fund.....	3,100
Interest and bonds fund.....	10,000
Interest and sinking fund.....	9,500
Light fund.....	6,500
Drain fund.....	600
Board of Health fund.....	400
Contingent.....	2,000
Total.....	\$43,600

Ald. Lamfrom presented the above estimate excepting the item of \$2,000 for contingent expenses which he deemed unnecessary. Ald. Rigley moved to add the item. Ald. Nichols and Lamfrom voting no. Then all the aldermen voted for the budget as amended except Ald. Lamfrom, who finally changed his vote to yea, seeing that a majority were determined to raise the above amount. The Mayor stated to the aldermen that the amount agreed upon was more than was necessary and that he would file a veto, which he did Tuesday morning and at a special meeting of the council Wednesday evening the budget was passed unanimously over the Mayor's veto.

The council also passed an ordinance for the laying of water mains as follows: Two blocks on Corunna avenue to Glenwood, and two on Glenwood; one block on Michigan avenue and one on Stewart, Michigan to Shiawassee; two blocks south on Chipman street and two west on Frederike; one block on Lee west to Ada, thence on Ada to Oliver, completing the circuit around the school house; one on Gilbert. The cost was estimated at \$4,158. Ald. Lamfrom and Nichols voted no on this ordinance and the Mayor vetoed it as it appears that fourteen blocks named are in reality seventeen blocks and he thinks that considerable of the territory covered is not settled to such an extent as to demand or make revenue sufficient to warrant the laying of the mains and that the cost would be \$6,000 or more.

An ordinance was passed cutting down the circus license from \$100 to \$40. This the Mayor also vetoed as he believes the cost to the city in repairs to pavements, extra policemen, etc., makes the amount \$100 none too much. The contract for printing the council proceedings and notices in the Argus, Press-American and Times for the coming year was ordered renewed at the same rate paid last year.

Woodard Lumber Yard will furnish cement to the city at \$1.38 a barrel in from one to three carload lots.

### Schedules Have Been Issued.

The schedules of the bank of M. L. Stewart & Co., consisting of 172 large pages closely covered with typewritten matter have been completed, and an official recapitulation therefrom appears below:

ASSETS.	
Real estate.....	\$ 45,230 03
Cash on hand April 15, 1905.....	20,742 03
Cash in other banks.....	38,177 14
Promissory notes not due.....	202,940 16
Promissory notes past due.....	77,783 29
Promissory notes pledged to other banks.....	51,000 00
Certificates of deposit of other banks.....	2,405 00
Overdrafts.....	63,338 79
Stocks and bonds.....	73,480 00
Mortgages on real estate.....	37,174 91
Land contracts.....	10,204 43
Life insurance, \$125,000, cash surrend- er value.....	9,913 35
Bank furniture, fixtures, etc.....	2,600 00
Total assets.....	\$628,404 15

LIABILITIES.	
Certificates of deposit.....	\$648,550 74
Commercial deposits.....	59,589 91
Bank drafts outstanding.....	10,175 41
Secured claims.....	60,000 00
Sundry accounts payable.....	206 43
Preferred claims—wages.....	158 89
Total liabilities.....	\$858,707 38

This shows a surplus of assets over liabilities of about \$35,000, but as previously shown, quite an amount of the paper held as an asset is of doubtful value.

Claims against the bank amounting to nearly \$200,000 have not been filed, and Mr. Stone, of the Trust Company, urges that they be placed on file as soon as possible so all may share in the first dividend, to be declared within a few weeks.

The advisory committee of the Stewart Bank creditors at its meeting Thursday adopted the following:

This committee advises all depositors to file their claims at once as notified by the Detroit Trust Company. Receivers, as it is necessary that claims be filed before dividends can be paid to the holders of such claims. And claims must be filed and approved by the Referee before the creditor can vote at the election of the trustee.

After a consultation with Mr. Stone, of the Detroit Trust Co., we believe that the interests of all depositors will be best served by the election of the Detroit Trust Co. as trustee.

JAMES OSBURN  
CARLOS H. HANKS  
STANLEY E. PARKILL  
T. O. CHRISTIAN  
Committee

### Circuit Court.

John T. McCurdy has received a decree of divorce in the case of George L. vs. Blanche Johnson, of Hazelton.

G. R. Lyon has begun the suit of C. H. Frain, et al, vs. Oliver Freeman, bill to correct deed.

In the case of Lillie vs. Kinsley Reed, of Vernon, R. R. Derham has taken a decree on the ground of drunkenness.

Willard R. Drury, in behalf of himself, Gottlieb Ruess, and the estate of Conrad Friege, of Bennington, has sued W. P. Harryman, receiver of the Bennington Creamery Co. to recover \$995 which they loaned the receiver for the company's business two years ago. They wish the factory sold so they may receive the amount due them.

In the case of Martha Ampsper Chapman, of Owosso, vs. Claire C. Chapman, of Grand Rapids, divorce, Walsh & Pardee, for plaintiff, have been awarded \$25 attorney fee, \$10 witness fee and \$3 per week. Mrs. Chapman bases her application for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

In the case of Willis Gorden vs. Theron Stevens for false imprisonment, a jury in the circuit court on Saturday evening brought in a verdict of no cause for action. Gorden was arrested last winter, on complaint of Stevens, as trustee, for breaking a window in the Corunna Avenue church, but was released without trial.

### Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was more fully and fittingly observed as a day for honoring the memory of departed defenders of the country than ever before in this city. Practically no unnecessary business was done and stores and factories and schools were closed to give every one an opportunity to assist in the patriotic duty of decorating the graves of the known and unknown dead.

Oakhill cemetery had been cleaned up and hundreds of graves had been cared for and covered, with various evidences of love for those laid therein by relatives and friends, and the grounds were, if possible, more beautiful than ever.

The exercises of the afternoon were held at the conclusion of the parade which formed on Fayette Square led by the Owosso City Band, Company H and the Uniformed Rank K. of P., Modern Woodmen of America degree team, Canton No. 9, Patriarchs Militant and Odd Fellows following. The Junior Band led the second division which included Quackenbush Post G. A. R. the Women's Relief Corps, speakers and others in carriages and a very large number of children both boys and girls of all ages.

At the speaker's stand on Gute Hill Mayor Parkill, president of the day, called the meeting to order.

A prelude of patriotic airs was given by the city band. Rev. Clyde offered the prayer, and Comrade C. C. Duff's quartette sang. The orders were read by the post adjutant, and Rev. A. B. Leonard gave the oration, the subject being "Battle Fields and Stockades." The oration was one of especial interest to veterans, covering much ground not often included in Memorial Day addresses, and was listened to by the people present carefully, it being instructive to them in a historical way as well as covering the memorial side of the matter.

After music by the quartette, the procession, now consisting of the G. A. R. martial band, Company H, Quackenbush Post, the W. R. C. M. W. of A. degree team and the flower children re-formed and marched into the cemetery, where the graves of soldier dead were decorated and the ritual services of the Grand Army given at the soldier's monument.

The last honors to dead soldiers was given in the form of three volleys by a squad from Company H and "Taps" by Sergt. Hunt. At the lake in the cemetery, the ritual for sailor dead was given by the W. R. C. D. C. Cooper, the only veteran sailor of the civil war residing here, a guard from Company H, and 6 little girls. The graves of all veterans of the Civil and Spanish wars, known and unknown, were lavishly decorated with flowers, and a wreath of evergreen wound about the soldiers' monument.

The exercises, participated in by an exceptionally large number of veterans, were most pleasing and impressive. During the past year, Lucius E. Gould, an honorary member of the Post, and the following active members have passed away: W. H. Powers, Frederick Hopkins, Jacob Hathaway, E. H. Jacobs and Michael Strehl.

List of advertised letters remaining unclaimed for at Owosso postoffice for week ending Saturday, May 27, 1905: Alex Evans, Mrs. Susan C. Fleming, Mrs. Avis Fowler, J. J. Frost, Chas. A. Hathaway, William Holden, E. E. Johnson, Aden McGee, E. Nap, I. Ornstein, Dan Parish, Harley Perry.

### Mayor Parkill's Appointments.

The following excellent appointments were made by the mayor Monday evening and they were unanimously confirmed: Members of Board of Health—E. A. Gould and Dr. W. E. Ward; Special Assessors—Harry R. Tooley and Fred H. Gould; Member of Board of Public Works—J. H. Robbins.

### The Thirty-Fifth Commencement.

The thirty-fifth annual commencement of the High School will be held in the First Baptist church, Thursday evening, June 15, 1905, at 8 o'clock. Following is the list of graduates:

#### LATIN COURSE.

Harry L. Arnold, Hazel Kerwin, Loyola Meder, Pearl Nixon, Hattie Detwiler, Joseph L. McIntosh, Rollin H. Morgan, Fayette C. Simpson, Mabel Zimmerman.

#### SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Nellie Gould Allison, Chester W. Bigelow, Percy D. Crum, W. John Detwiler, Graff R. Fuller, Ethel Anna Hall, Ralph E. Mahaney, Fred Reiff, R. Thomas Sayles, Mae Bartlett, Clara F. Beebe, Jessie Viola Cummings, M. John Dutcher, Leon G. Forster, Wayne A. McLaughlin, Beulah Vere Hoenshell, James A. McIntosh, Charles W. Sadler, Eugene D. Young.

#### ENGLISH COURSE.

Frances Myrtle Abel, Lulu K. Beebe, William Hookway, Nellie Blythe Connor, Mabel H. Josselyn, Harry E. Smith, Ray Wiggins.

#### COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Harry Fitch, Clayton L. Springer. The program is as follows:

Organ Voluntary—Triumphal March.....Naaman  
Musical—Wind and Sea.....F. G. Cauffman  
High School  
Invocation.....Rev. R. O. Cooper  
Girls' Chorus  
a. The Piper.....W. W. Gitchrist  
b. In Our Boat.....F. H. Cowen  
Oration—The Question of Blood.....F. H. Cowen  
Iron.....Fay Simpson  
Essay—The Making of a State.....Hattie Detwiler  
Oration—The Progress of Invention.....Joseph McIntosh  
Musical—The Pigeon.....Frederick Carl Bullard  
High School  
Essay—Through Deep Water for a Pearl.....Nellie Connor  
Discussion—Question: Resolved, That Public Economy Demands Public Ownership of Utilities.  
Affirmative—Harry Arnold  
Negative—Chester Bigelow  
Musical—Gaelic Lullaby.....Victor Harris  
High School  
Recitation—The Legend of Bregenz.....Nellie Allison  
Oration—Democratic Scholarship.....Rollie Morgan  
Bridal Chorus—The Rose Maiden.....F. H. Cowen  
High School  
Awarding High School Diplomas.....Supt. J. W. Simmons  
Awarding Normal Class Diplomas.....State Supt. P. H. Kelley  
Class Song.....The Class of 1905  
Benediction.....Rev. Carlos H. Hanks  
Pianist—Hazel Smith  
Director—Miss Mary Lyon.

In connection with the exercises the county normal training class graduates will also receive diplomas. The graduates are:

Ruth A. Benoy, Clara L. Eddy, Maud G. Kline, Edith Schantz, Kathryn Bowen, Elva Mae Goodwin, Clara L. Osborne, Mabelle Willson, Edith M. Woodbury.

The baccalaureate address will be given by Rev. A. B. Leonard, Sunday evening, June 11, at the First M. E. church. Subject, "The Character and Crown of a True Life."

### Louisiana Letter.

Evangeline, La., May 20, 1905.

Editor OWOSSO TIMES,  
Owosso, Mich.

Dear Sir:—So many have asked me to write them regarding the south that I have made up my mind to answer them through your valuable paper.

We are living in a town called Evangeline, which has grown up in the last three years as a result of oil being found here in large quantities and of which I will speak later. We are situated near the Southern Pacific R.R., 180 miles west of New Orleans and about 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. We are in the center of the great rice belt of Louisiana.

The farmers, as a rule, are hard up as a result of the slump in price of their principal commodity, rice, showing the effects of one crop farming. A few years ago every one sowed rice and got good prices. This gave them the get-rich-quick fever and they borrowed money to buy seed and pay help, getting trusted at the stores for groceries and supplies, with promises to pay in the sweet bye and bye, which never came; leaving some of the merchants in nearly as bad shape as the farmers themselves. The price of rice is bound to come up as there has not been over 40 per cent of the rice land sowed to rice this spring.

Crowley, a city of 6,000 population, situated on the Southern Pacific about 15 miles from here, claims to be the

largest rice city in the U. S. as there are ten rice mills in it. After threshing, the farmers draw their rice to these mills for storage and borrow enough money on it, if they can, to pay expenses. A bushel of rice can be raised and sold for less than a bushel of wheat as it yields on an average 15 sacks per acre. A sack of rice contains 162 pounds. Rice is now being used for feed for hogs, horses, chickens, etc., and by a new process good flour is being made from it. This flour makes excellent griddle cakes, gems and muffins.

Since the cultivation of rice began on the prairie lands they have risen in value from 50 cents and \$1 per acre to \$10 and \$25 for unimproved land, and \$25 to \$75 for improved and irrigated farms. The rolling woodland sells for from \$3 to \$10 an acre, according to location and the value of the timber.

French is the language spoken by the natives here who are descendants of the Acadians, who were expelled from Nova Scotia something less than 200 years ago. They are now called Cagins or Creoles, and are behind the times in education and other matters.

The principal timber found here is oak, ash, pine, cypress, magnolia and pecan. Besides rice, they raise corn, potatoes, cotton, sugar cane, oats and all kinds of garden stuff. The farmers here say that last year is the first they have made any money in cane for four years. They only plant it once in three years as it comes up of itself the second and third years.

Evangeline is a rough place resembling a mining town and good wages are paid here although wages outside of the oil field are not high in Louisiana.

The following prices prevail at present: Common labor, \$2.50 per day; man and team, \$5.00; board, \$5.00 per week; hired girls, \$6.00 per week; butter, 30 cents per lb.; eggs, 10 cents per doz; lard, 15 cents per lb.; granulated sugar, 8 cents; cheese, 25 cents per lb.; kerosene oil, 20 cents per gal; and most all groceries and dry goods are a little higher than in the north. There is a great deal of pine here yet and good lumber sells for \$12 to \$15 per M.

The land is prairie with plenty of timber along the rivers. The soil is all clay or black loam and there isn't a stone or hill between here and New Orleans.

There have been about two million dollars expended here for drilling machinery and rigs and there is now about seven million barrels of oil stored here in earthen tanks ranging in size from four to fifteen acres, which are vertiable lakes of oil and scores of innocent ducks and geese light on them and swim for hours little suspecting that they are doomed and that they are taking their last swim—for after they light in this oil they can not fly again, but walk out over the bank and die or are picked up by curiosity seekers, their flesh being useless for food.

The oil is worth in the field about 20c per bbl. and is cheap fuel, almost every stationary and locomotive engine in the south is run by it. There are three saloons here and all sell a good deal of whiskey. Last spring one saloon took in \$500 per day. There have been four murders in the last two months. Most all southerners carry guns.

There is only one church here, a Congregational, although there are all kinds of churches in the south—there being two M. E. churches—North and South. They having divided years ago on the question of slavery.

Barbers charge 35c for a hair cut and 15c for a shave in Louisiana and they do not require a barber's license in this state. Doctors get good pay in the south, charging \$2.50 per visit in the towns and one dollar per mile in the country.

Truck gardening and diversified farming would pay here better than raising rice at present prices. One man sold \$200 worth of water melons last year beside other truck. Stock raising would pay too, for the average farmer does not feed his cattle anything in the winter nor give them any shelter. But a little care and feed in the cold weather would bring good returns, as one man near here lost over 100 head last winter, which was the severest in years.

Rice straw can be had for the asking in this locality as hundreds of tons are burned up every fall. It is about as valuable as wheat straw for feeding.

New potatoes are plentiful on the market now and sell for \$1 per bu; oats are nearly ready to cut and they ought to be as they were sowed last fall. Corn is waist high; black berries are ripe and are found in abundance in the woods and sell for 5c per quart.

The north could well pattern after the south in the use of the mule as they are less liable to disease than horses and will do more work on half the feed it takes to keep the average horse.

Hoping these few items will be of interest to your many readers, I remain  
Sincerely yours,  
ED. GORDEN.